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SUBJ: ALGERIA'S STATUS IN US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERENCES

REF: ALGIERS 616; STATE 63721, STATE 66492 STATE 66541
STATE 66542

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION STATUS OF ALGERIAN
ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERALIZED PREFERENCES.
2. WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD ALGERIA'S ELIGIBILITY TO BE
QUESTIONABLE ON GROUNDS (1) ITS MEMBERSHIP IN OPEC; AND
(2) ITS NATIONALIZATION OF US CITIZENS PROPERTY
(ALGIERS 616, STATE 63721).
3. ALGERIA IS NOW LISTED IN STATE 66541 AS "UNDER
CONSIDERATION FOR DESIGNATION AS BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING
COUNTRY."
4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS STATUS OPEC ISSUE.
5. AS WE UNDERSTAND NATIONALIZATION ISSUE, USG HAS
DETERMINED THAT 21 COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN EXPROPRIATORY

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ACTIONS WITHIN MEANING OF TRADE ACTION NATIONALIZATION

PROVISIONS, AND 18 OF THESE ARE NEGOTIATING IN
GOOD FAITH ON COMPENSATION (STATE 66492). THESE 18
ARE LISTED IN STATE 66542 AND THE THREE RECALCITRANTS
IN STATE 66492. ALGERIA IS NOT LISTED IN EITHER
CATEGORY.

6. CAN WE THEREFORE ASSUME THAT ALGERIAN NATIONALIZA-
TIONS DO NOT FALL UNDER PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT?

7. PLEASE ADVISE. ALGERIAN PRESS 26 MARCH NOTED THAT
IN COMPARISON WITH US AID TO ISRAEL, OPEC COUNTRIES
NOW FIND THEMSELVES ON US "COMMERCIAL BLACKLIST," SO
WE WANT TO HAVE ALL OUR DUCKS IN ROW, INCLUDING
NATIONALIZATION QUESTIONS, WHEN WE DISCUSS ISSUE WITH
THEM.
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